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THIS WEEK - THREE GREAT HULK STORIES!

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THE INCREDIBLE

HULK

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SENSATION!

HAS
THE HULK
MET HIS
MATCH?

GAMMA-MONSTER
vs
GAMMA-MONSTER



HULK'S GREATEST BATTLES!

THE FANTASTIC FOUR, SUSPECTING THE HULK OF BEING A SABOTEUR, FINALLY CONFRONT HIM... WITH DEVASTATING RESULTS...

BRACE YOURSELF FOR A LITTLE SURPRISE, YOU FLAMING BRAT!



SO MIGHTY ARE HIS ARMS, THAT WHEN HE CLAPS HIS HANDS TOGETHER WITH FULL FORCE, IT HAS THE EFFECT OF A SUPERSONIC BOOM SHOCK WAVE!



HERE'S A LITTLE LULLABY FROM ME TO YOU!

HA! THAT'LL KEEP 'EM OUTTA ACTION FOR A WHILE!

BUT WHERE'S THE FOURTH ONE? WHERE'S THE THING?

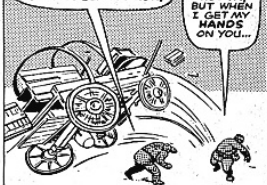


RIGHT HERE, GRUESOME! THERE AINT A SOUND YOU CAN LISTEN TO THAT I CAN'T HANDLE ALSO!



WELL, WELL! SO THE BIG BAD HULK IS THROWIN' THINGS, HUH? THAT AINT GONNA HELP YOU NOW!

ANYONE CAN FIGHT WITH HIS MOUTH! BUT WHEN I GET MY HANDS ON YOU...



AND SO THE TWO HUMAN BEHEMOTHS MEET HEAD-ON, AS THE VERY EARTH BENEATH THEIR FEET TREMBLES FROM THE IMPACT!

I BEEN LOOKIN' FORWARD TO THIS FOR A LONG LONG TIME!

NOW I'VE GOT YOU!



SLOWLY, INEXORABLY, THE LARGER HULK LIFTS THE RAGING THING OFF HIS FEET, AS THE MIND-STAGGERING BATTLE REACHES ITS FINAL CLIMAX! BUT THEN--AT THAT INSTANT--A STRANGE, ATOM-POWERED RAY SHOOT'S OUT FROM THE TUNNEL BELOW, AND...

DRIVER PUNCH IS COMIN' RIGHT AT YA!

DON'T MOVE, MISTER! MY PILE--

I'LL SMASH YOU TO THE GROUND LIKE A PANCAKE!

I'LL-- UGHNNNN!

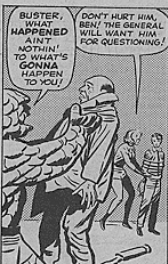


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EVEN AS SUE SPEAKS, THE INCREDIBLE HULK'S MIGHTY BODY RECOVERS FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE SPY'S RAY GUN, AND...



WITH ONE GIGANTIC LEAP, THE MIGHTIEST LEGS ON EARTH SEND THE HULK SOARING UPWARD...



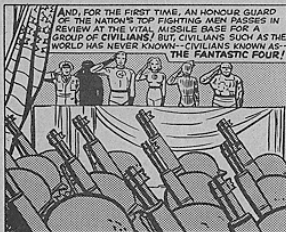
DON'T WANT THING TO FIND ME TILL I GET MY FULL STRENGTH BACK! WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST 'IM NOW!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...



AND, BEFORE VERY LONG...



MERLYN'S MAGICK VERSUS THE MIGHT OF NECROMON'S EVIL SIX! **THE BLACK KNIGHT**

THE BLACK KNIGHT AND HIS ALLIES, BESIEGED IN CASTLE GANELOT, HAVE RECRUITED THE GIANT TROLL, GARGANTUA, WHO LOST HIS LIFE IN BATTLE AGAINST DEMON-WARRIOR MABOOB... BUT HAS WON A RESPITE FOR OUR HEROES... HOWEVER...

WE ARE IN DIRE STRAITS MY FRIENDS...

EVEN AS GARGANTUA FELL, HIS GREAT NEIGHT DAMAGED THE BRIDGE THAT HOLDS US ABOVE THE ABYSS!

BUT THE POOR BRUTE HAD NOT DIED IN VAIN!

HE HAS WON US A GREAT VICTORY... WE ARE BLOODY BUT UNBOWED!

REVEL IN YOUR CHEAT FACTORY, MASQU! THE DAY IS DAWNING WHEN BUZZARDS WILL PICK THY BONES!

'TIS THE SIX WHO WALK ABROAD ONCE MORE!

GAZE UPON US, ALLIES OF MERLYN... AND DESPAIR!!

WHAT? WHO SPEAKS?

YOU KNOW ME WELL, I AM CORMAC OF THE TWIN BLADES! NOW ALLIED WITH KASABOOB, MASTER OF DRAGONS...

AND BALOR, THE WARRIOR, LIEUTENANT OF...

SCARTAC THE WARLORD! GURIEN, LORD OF STONES! HAS JOINED US...

TOGETHER WITH THE SOCCERY OF MIGHTY MOORED!!

MOORED! THAT CANNOT BE! I SAW HIM DEFEATED!

BLASTED BEYOND RECOGNITION!



NECROMON! THIS CAN ONLY BE HIS DOING!

IN THE FACE OF DEFEAT HE STILL PLOTS TO UNDERMINE US ALL!

FATHER! DO NOT GIVE UP HOPE!



FATHER! HOLD FAST!

YIELD NOT TO NECROMON'S TRICKS, OR WE ARE DONE FOR!



MY MASTER IS IN DIRE PERIL... HIS MAGICKAL STRENGTH Wanes WITH EVERY SECOND...

YOU LIE, CORNAC! I SAW YOU HUMBLE BY THE MIGHT OF EXCALIBUR!!



IN TRUTH... CORNAC LOST HIS RIGHT HAND TO THE KNIGHT'S FLASHING BLADE!

I WAS THERE TO BEAR WITNESS!



YOU ARE BUT VISIONS... CONJURED FROM THE AIR!

AND! SAY—
BE-GONE!



THE PEARL CLEARS MY VISION...

I CAN PIERCE ILLUSION WITH THE EDGE OF A SORCERER!



MOONDOG WAS RIGHT! THEY ARE BUT IMAGES... WOVEN FROM THE PARTICLES OF INFINITY...

BY NECROMON!



YES! IT IS I... NECROMON, LORD OF DARKNESS! THOUGH I SPEAK THROUGH THE IMAGE OF CORNAC, THE WORDS ARE MINE!

I AM CLOSE, VERY CLOSE! SOON WE SHALL MEET...



...FACE TO FACE YOU AND I... SOON WE SHALL MEET!

AND THERE WILL BE NO MERCY!!

FROZEN WITH HORROR, THE KNIGHT
COULD ONLY DIMLY COMPREHEND
HIS MASTER'S WORDS...

'TIS TIME
TO DEPART!
THE TATTERED
THREADS OF
THIS TALE MUST
BE PULLED
TOGETHER!

YOUR QUEST
MUST BE
COMPLETED!!

GO! ONWARDS ACROSS
THE GREAT RIFT AND
INTO THE MISTS OF
TIME!

DESTINY
BECKONS
THE BOTH!
A LEAP IN
THE DARK
MAY SAVE
US ALL!

WHAT DID HE MEAN?
ARE WE LEAVING
CAMELOT?

WE MUST
ACT NOW!
WITHOUT
FEAR OR
FALTER...

TAKE MY
CLOAK...YOU
MAY HAVE NEED
OF IT!

THANK YOU,
BRAVE OWEN
...AND FARE-
WELL!

ALL PAST
EVENTS HAVE
LED US TO
THIS POINT...

AND FROM
THIS POINT OUR
TRUE TASK MUST
BEGIN AND
END!

IT IS ARTHUR WE
SEEK! HE WHO WAS
KING SHALL BE
KING AGAIN...

WHILE A
WORLD HANGS
IN THE BALANCE!

BUT THE HEROES' DEPART-
URE WAS WATCHED BY
DOCTRIL EYES AS THE
DRAGONLORD KARADOC
LAY CONCEALED IN THE
GREAT RIFT BENEATH
THE CASTLE!

AND SO IT
CAME TO PASS:
THE BLACK KNIGHT
AND HIS COMPANION
LEAVE THE SANCTUARY
OR CAMELOT...

AND PLAY
INTO THE
HANDS OF
KARADOC!

WE HAVE GREAT
VENGEANCE TO
WREAK, O BRETHREN!

ASHTOROTH
IS NOT
FORGOTTEN!

MAY RETRIBUTION BE
SWIFT, TERRIBLE...

...AND
FINAL!!

TO BE CONTINUED

NEXT-THROUGH THE MISTS OF TIME IN SEARCH OF ARTHUR'S TOMB!

DOCTOR STRANGE

FACES SUCH MYSTIC MENACES AS
THE DREADED DORMAMMU, DRACULA —
PRINCE OF VAMPIRES, XANDER THE
MERCILESS, AND SATAN HIMSELF

FIGHTS ALONGSIDE SUCH ALLIES AS
THE ANCIENT ONE, THE LOVELY CLEA, FAITH-
FUL WONG, LORD PHYFFE AND RAMA KALIPH

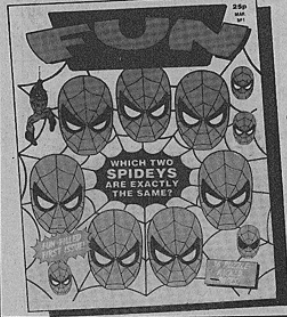
VISITS SUCH STRANGE WORLDS AS
THE QUADVERSE, PHASEWORLD, HELL,
WORMWORLD, THE DREAMWORLD OF
NIGHTMARE AND EVEN EARTH!

RAMPAGE

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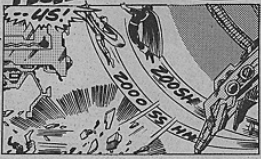
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THE FURY THAT FACES SCORPIO!

THE DEFENDERS

SCORPIO HAS RELEASED THE FORCES OF THE ZODIAC WITH THE ZODIAC KEY, BUT THE DYNAMIC DEFENDERS ARE ON HAND...





IN ANOTHER PART OF THE OLD FACTORY...



I JUST HAD TO HEAR LITTLE JUDY SING "SOMEWHERE, OVER THE RAINBOW" ONE LAST TIME.

DON'T TALK LIKE THAT, JAKE! YA CAN'T CALL IT QUILTS NOW--NOT AFTER ALL WE WUZ PLANNIN'!

LIFE IS CRUEL, NICK. IT FEEDS ON YOUR HOPES AND AMBITIONS AND ENTHUSIASMS--AND USES THEM TO DESTROY YOU.



THE BATTLE IS GOING BADLY. I FEAR ALL IS LOST.

I COULD USE THE ZODIAC KEY TO TELEPORT ME AWAY... BUT WHY? WHAT'S THE USE?



ALL MY LIFE, EVERY TIME I'VE EVER BELIEVED IN ANYTHING, OR HAD FAITH THAT THE FUTURE WOULD GET BETTER FOR ME, I'VE HAD THAT FALSE HOPE KNOCKED OUT OF ME... AND FOUND MYSELF BACK ON MY KNEES IN DESPAIR.



HERE, JAKE--HAVA SCHLITZ. IT'LL MAKE YA FEEL BETTER. I FOUND IT ON THE FLOOR BACK THERE, AN SAVED IT FOR YOU!



YOU DARE OFFER ME A BEER--NOW? WHY? SO I CAN DROWN MY SORROWS... IS THAT IT? HOW VERY, VERY MUCH LIKE MY BROTHER!



YOU'VE ALWAYS DESPISED ME AS A WEAKLING.

MAYBE YER BLASTED BROTHER DESPISED YOU, JAKE!



--BUT I NEVER HAVE...NOT EVEN WHEN YA TREAT ME AS IF I WUZ HIM!

I RESPECT YA, JAKE--I REALLY DO--AN' YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT!

I KNOW THE LAYOUT OF THIS WHOLE SET-UP, AND I KNOW WHERE TO FIND THE TWO OF THEM--IF THEY HAVEN'T ALREADY SKIPPED OUT!



LEAD ON, JOCKO--I'VE GOTTA GEE SONAL SCORE TO SETTLE WITH SCORPIO!

I'M SORRY, NICK, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT. I'M 52 YEARS OLD...AND IT'S ALL OVER FOR ME.



I HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO BELIEVE IN OR TO LIVE FOR...

...NOT EVEN MYSELF.



A VICTIM FOR THE OVERLORD!

THE SILVER SURFER

THE SURFER HAS TRAVELLED INTO THE FUTURE BY CIRCLING THE EARTH AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT. HE IS GREETED EVERYWHERE BY DEVASTATION AND DESTRUCTION...

IN EVERY GALAXY IT IS THE SAME--

EMPTY WORLDS AND BARE PLANETS!



BUT WAIT! AT LAST I SENSE A BREATH OF LIFE!



BELOW ME--PRIMITIVE BEINGS!

THEN SOME HAVE ESCAPED THE HOLO-CAUST!



THEIR EYES BLAZE WITH FEAR--AND NAKED HATE!

BUT IF AN ANSWER CAN BE FOUND--

THEY STILL MAY HOLD THE KEY!





OF WHAT
USE IS
THIS
STRANGE
BOARD?

IT IS
NOT A
WEAPON
--AND
CANNOT
BE
EATEN!

WAIT!
WHERE
DO YOU
GO?

TO THE
VILLAGE
--WITH
MY
CATCH!

SEE THE
VICTIM
I HAVE
WON--FOR
THE
OVER-
LORD!

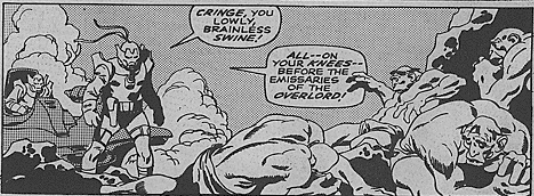
I AM
VILLAGE
CHIEF!

HE MUST
BE MINE
TO GIVE!

NO! I FOUND
HIM--I
CONQUERED
HIM!

ARGHHH!!

THEN
NOW--
YOU
MUST
DIE FOR
HIM!





NEXT WEEK--THE ULTIMATE CONQUEROR!

MASTERMIND'S MASTER PLAN!

THE BEAST

ONCE HE HAD BEEN ONE OF THE TEAM OF TEENAGE MUTANTS KNOWN AS THE X-MEN. BUT THEN HANK MCCOY GRADUATED FROM CHARLES XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR "GIFTED" YOUNGSTERS TO PURSUE HIS CAREER IN SCIENCE. NOW HIS MUTANT BODY HAS CHANGED HIM INTO A FUR COVERED SINISTER ENTITY... THE BEAST!

THE BEAST HAS JOINED THE BROTHERHOOD OF MUTANTS, UNAWARE OF THEIR EVIL INTENT, AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF STEALING THE WORLD'S LARGEST GEM--THE RAHMUR DIAMOND...

ANA! THERE'S THE BAUBLE NOW!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO HIDE THINGS BEHIND PAINTINGS--NOT BOOKCASES.



ONE EIGHTY-SEVEN / SUTTON / GILCOVA

HMM. THE GUIDE BOOK DIDN'T MENTION ELECTRIC EYE BEAMS!



IF JUST ONE OF THOSE BEAMS HITS ME, THEY'LL HEAR THE ALARM IN WESTCHESTER!

WESTCHESTER--? THAT ALMOST-- SPARKS A MEMORY--! T--

PUT IT OUT OF YOUR MIND, HANK! THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO THINK ABOUT NOW--



SLOWLY... SLOWLY...



GOT IT!



AND A FLIP OF THE LEGS--AND A HEARTY "HI-YO BEASTY--"





HEY, JIM--
JA SEE DAT? DOSE
GUYS JUST POPPED
UP OUTTA NOWHERE--

--AND DA TALL ONE'S
A MUTIE HE IN DA
BOYS BEAT UP ON
TWO YEARS AGO!

BLAST YOU,
BEAST! I HAD
TO DROP MY
INVISIBILITY
ILLUSION TO
GET YOU OFF
THAT WIRE!

GET 'EM,
BOYS!
HOT
DAWS!
NORE
MUTIES TA
STOMP!

GREETINGS,
GENTLEMEN! STEP
RIGHT UP AND MEET
THE BROTHERHOOD
OF MUTANTS!

OH, AND ONE
OTHER--

--ONE YOU'LL REMEMBER
LONGER--MUCH LONGER--
THAN US POOR SOULS!



OH--MY--
DEAR--LORD!

WHERE'D
IT COME
FROM?

WHO
GIVES
A LICK?
RUN!

--AND FOUR
FLEEING
MUTANTS
MEET NO
RESISTANCE
AS THEY
ESCAPE INTO
THE RAIN.

IMAGINE, READER, THAT YOU ARE THE BEAST! YOUR MEMORY IS FRAGMENTED, YOUR THOUGHTS JUMBLED.

YOU WALK THROUGH THE PALE AFTERNOON SUNLIGHT WITH MUTANTS, MUCH LIKE YOURSELF--

--BUT YOU KNOW NOW THEY ARE NOT LIKE YOU!



YOU'VE SEEN IT, READER--IN A FILM RUN BACKWARD, A PICTURE, SAY, LIES SHATTERED--BUT THEN THE SHARDS SLIDE TOWARD EACH OTHER, FITTING TOGETHER MORE AND MORE RAPIDLY--



MASTERMIND BEGINS TO SPEAK OMNIBUSLY OF HIS MASTER PLAN, BUT YOUR ATTENTION TURNS INWARD. YOU REACH, GROPE, STRAIN FOR MEMORY--CLEAR, BLESSED MEMORY.



--UNTIL THE PICTURE IS WHOLE--

--AND IT SHOWS YOUR SOUL--

---AND YOU KNOW!



--AND YOU STRIKE!



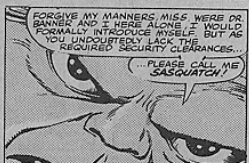


NEXT WEEK--A BEASTLY CRASH-LANDING!

THE INCREDIBLE HULK

VICTIM OF GAMMA RADIATION
BRUCE BANNER NOW FINDS
HIMSELF TRANSFORMED IN TIMES
OF STRESS INTO THE MOST POWERFUL
CREATURE EVER TO WALK THE
EARTH!

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AGAIN AND AGAIN,
THE FUR-COVERED
SCIENTIST TOSSES
HIS CAPTIVE INTO
THE COOL MOUNTAIN
AIR--

--WHILE BRUCE
BANNER STRUG-
GLES AGAINST
THE CHANGE
THAT HE KNOWS
MUST COME



OH GOD...
MY HEART!

DON'T
LET ME
CHANGE!
PLEASE...
PLEASE!



DON'T
FIGHT IT,
DOCTOR!

YOU MUST REALIZE THAT
I'M NOT DOING THIS OUT
OF ANY ILL WILL TOWARDS
YOU.



BUT I AM
A SCIENTIST!
AND I NEED TO
KNOW WHICH
ONE OF US IS
STRONGER!



LET HIM GO!
YOU'LL DROP
HIM... YOU'LL
KILL HIM!

YOU'RE
MORE
OF A
MONSTER
THAN THE
HULK!



PLEASE, MISS I
ASSURE YOU THAT
MY MOTIVES
ARE PURELY
SCIENTIFIC.

SCIENTIFIC?
ARE YOU
SO CONCERNED
WITH SCIENCE
THAT YOU CAN'T
REMEMBER A
SIMPLE THING
LIKE DECENCY?



BUT BEFORE SASQUATCH CAN
ANSWER THAT CHARGE, THE
FAINT SOUND OF
TEARING CLOTH
RENDERS IT
ACADEMIC...

OH,
NO!



NOW WHERE IS HULK?

WAIT... HULK
REMEMBERS GIRL!
GIRL TRIED TO
HELP THE HULK!

BUT ORANGE-FUR
TRIED TO HURT
THE HULK... MADE
THE HULK FALL!

DR. BANNER! YOU
MUST HAVE CHANGED
JUST IN TIME! THANK
HEAVENS, YOU'RE
ALL RIGHT!

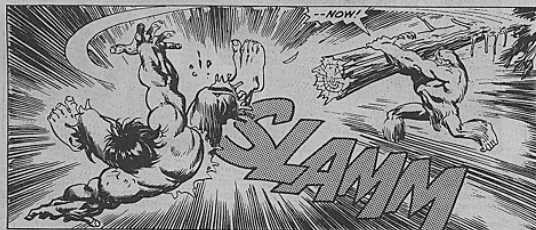
BANNER?
BANNER?!

YOU DARE TO
CALL THE HULK
"BANNER"? HULK
IS NOT BANNER-
ORANGE-FUR!



HULK WILL SHOW
YOU! HULK WILL
TEACH YOU THAT--





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